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Subject: Re: Inquiry from Former SSFL Employee
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Thanks Norm, sending him to Bonnie Klea is the right thing. FYI, Bonnie happened to attend the May 26 EPA TASC meeting and I mentioned to her that EPA and State may refer former employees seeking compensation to her. She said that she would appreciate any referrals.

FYI, the TASC meeting went fine; better than I thought it would. There are still several people very skeptical of the program, but despite a few tense moments now and then, everyone (about 30 people or so in attendance) was attentive and engaged in the subject. They let EPA finish our full presentation on TASC and I feel much better about that. As you might imagine there were lots of Q&A and we got off topic several times. However, I personally did not hear any consensus amongst the wide variety of opinions in the audience about if TASC is a good idea for the SSFL community at this time (not mention if that did participate what they would have the TASC consultant focus on). So, no decisions were made regarding next steps and we promised that we would get back to those who signed our sign-in sheet regarding what will be EPA's next steps on TASC (if any at all). I would not be surprised if this topic is raised at the CWG meeting on May 28; so that will be informative. FYI, I will be out of the office for a while; at an EPA conference next week and then annual leave for a week. However, I would like to get your additional input/ideas on this topic when we get a chance to talk.

See ya tomorrow night at the CWG meeting. Thanks for your advice regarding EPA PPT presentation.

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Thanks. I talked to him. He's contracted a cancer and seems interested in some sort of compensation. I referred him to Bonnie Klea who has been working on behalf of former NAA/Rockwell-Rocketdyne employees.

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 Norm - Wanted to give you a heads-up that a former employee called me (in response to EPA's fact sheet). His name is Hal Oquist and he worked for North American Aviation at the site from 1955-58 and for Rockwell elsewhere for 30 years. He only worked in the rocket engine testing area and did not work in any of the "reactor buildings". He said that he had some information to share regarding "exotic fuels" that were used at the time. I told that US EPA study is on radiological contamination only and so I gave him your name and number and stated that the State of CA would be interested in hearing this information about potential chemical contamination.

FYI, he says that he and another former employee have developed cancer, so

I gave him Bonnie Klea's name and number. It is my understanding that Bonnie can provide people with information regarding how to make claims for compensation for work-related illnesses at SSFL.

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